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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:URGENT ISRAELI CONCERN OVER EGYPTIAN MILITARY INTENTIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 165008, (B) CAIRO 11754

1. I INFORMED DEFMIN WEIZMAN AND FONMIN DAYAN BY 0930 THIS MORNING OF GIST OF REFERENCED MESSAGES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION AND INDICATED THEY WOULD AWAIT OUR MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS, AS WELL AS ANYTHING AMBASSADOR EILTS WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. WEIZMAN COMMENTED "I WILL KEEP MY POWER DRY."

2. EARLIER THIS MORNING AT THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR LEWIS THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THE U.S. WOULD GET THE NECESSARY ASSURANCES FROM THE EGYPTIANS. NEVERTHELESS ISRAEL HAD TO BE CAREFUL. BOTH WEIZMAN AND DAYAN COMMENTED TO THE AMBASSADOR IN THE SAME VEIN, WEIZMAN ADDING THAT ISRAEL COULD NOT AFFORD NOT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS UNLESS IT RECEIVES THE ASSURANCES IT WANTED. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM, CHIEF OF STAFF GUR EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLY MORE CONCERN THAN DID THE THREE MINISTERS. HE

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NOTED THAT IF ASSURANCES WERE NOT RECEIVED WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CANCEL ALL SABBATH LEAVE AND PROBABLY TO HOLD UP THE RELEASE OF RESERVISTS. IN THIS WAY, OF COURSE, RUMORS WOULD SOON SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THE LID WOULD BE OFF. THEREFORE, HOPE WE CAN GET FURTHER INFO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. CAIRO 11759 JUST RECEIVED. WILL INFORM ISRAELIS
OF ITS CONTENTS AND SUGGEST THEY AWAIT REPORT OF
FAHMY'S VIEWS.
DUNNIGAN

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